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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 27, 2025



WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

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MASS INTENTIONS

July 28 – August 2

MON 28	6:00	+	Dr. Dick Schuler
		+	Sheila Conway
	11:30	+	Jane Klare (<i>Birth.</i>)
		+	Elise Ellen Earley (<i>Annu.</i>)
TUE 29	6:00	SI	Mary Jo Kiely (<i>Annu.</i>)
		+	Catherine Ann Kearns (<i>Annu.</i>)
	11:30	+	Jim James (<i>Birth.</i>)
		+	Roger A. Remlinger (<i>Birth.</i>)
WED 30	6:00	+	Catherine Kearns (<i>Annu.</i>)
		+	William J. Meister, Sr.
	11:30	+	Peter Ginocchio
		+	Barbara Meridieth (<i>Birth.</i>)
THU 31	6:00	+	Michael Conaton (<i>Birth.</i>)
		+	Gerry Motl (<i>Birth.</i>)
	11:30	+	Kevin England
			<i>Parish office closed.</i>
FRI 1	6:00	+	Michele Chalk (<i>Annu.</i>)
		+	Members of Katharine Gormley & Eleanor Maley Families
	11:30	+	Ann Feticke (<i>Birth.</i>)
		+	Dr. Charles M. Barrett, Christine Finn Barrett & Angie Barrett Eynon
SAT 2	7:00	+	Bob Fennell (<i>Birth.</i>)
		+	Marguerite Ginocchio
		+	Berry Howe (<i>Birth.</i>)

MUSIC

Opening:

As We Gather at Your Table #839

Gloria:

St. Henry – *inside back cover of hymnal*

Responsorial Psalm 138:

Lord, on the day I called for help,
you answered me. #1142

Offertory:

Seek Ye First #658

Mass Parts

Mass of St. Frances Cabrini

Communion:

Behold the Lamb #939

Closing:

They'll Know We Are Christians
#835

Art: *Our Daily Bread*
by Anders Zorn (c. 1886)
Watercolor on paper
© Nationalmuseum, Stockholm

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday
4 PM

Sunday
7 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM, 5 PM

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday
6 AM, 11:30 AM

Saturday
7 AM

Confessions

Monday - Friday
Noon to 1 PM

Saturday
11 AM to Noon



Join the Cincinnati Jesuit Works for a mass at St. Xavier Church to celebrate the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuit order!

This year's Jesuit Works Mass will take place on **Sunday, August 3**, at 10 AM at St. Xavier Church. The Cincinnati Jesuit Works consist of St. Xavier Church, Bellarmine Chapel, Xavier University, St. Xavier High School, Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford, and Xavier Jesuit Academy. Please stay after Mass for a joyful reception with food and fellowship in the Parish Center! **No 9 AM, 10:30 AM, or 5 PM Mass at St. X on August 3.**

Wine & Cheese Parish Socials

First Saturday Social is a gathering after 4 PM Mass on the first Saturday of each month. It is a perfect time to enjoy a glass of wine, beer or soft drink, and to socialize with fellow Mass goers. There will be no First Saturday Social in August, so please join us on **Saturday, September 6**, in the Parish Center for the next gathering!

Catechetical Corner



Q: Why does the priest say “The mystery of faith,” and why not at a different point in the Mass?

A: The priest says this right after Jesus' words, “Do this in memory of me,” marking the moment the Eucharist becomes His Body and Blood. It invites us to respond in faith to the mystery we've just witnessed: Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection made present. This moment is intentional—meant to affirm our belief in what the Eucharist truly is, not just a symbol. It's not meant to be said elsewhere in the Mass, because it belongs exactly at this powerful turning point.

Read more Q&As by visiting www.stxchurch.org/corner.

Our Father

At the Savior's command, we hear at every Mass, and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say. In all likelihood the Lord's Prayer is the first prayer we learned as children, and our “go to” prayer when we pray. But we must remember by teaching us this prayer—though Luke's version is different from Matthew's, which is the one we pray—that He has not only taught us a prayer to pray, but also a model of prayer. In other words, He is teaching us *how to pray*, and the most important thing about prayer that He teaches and empowers us to speak with God, to pray, to call upon God *in the same way HE does*: Father.

In ancient days God revealed His Name to Moses so that the people not only knew what God had sent him, but also so that they could call upon Him and know that He would hear them, for to know the true name of any god was to have power over it. Thus the gods of Greece, Rome, Egypt and elsewhere never revealed their names, leaving their devotees to either come up with their own names and titles for the gods, hoping their guesses are close or at least flattering, or the gods would reveal a name or title that they personally enjoyed. The God of Israel, however, desired to be on a first-name basis with them. How blessed are we, then, that through our baptism we sinners, daringly, address God not by name as if we are mere friends or colleagues, but we call upon Him as Father because we are His children, and He attends to our prayers and needs as does a good father!

Today marks my final Sunday presiding at Mass here at St. Xavier Church. It has been a privilege to be a spiritual father to the people of God here and throughout the Cincinnati area. I hope that I have, by the grace of God, lived up to the name of “Father” and have, in one way or another, helped each of you grow closer to Him, through His Son. Do pray for me as I take the next step in my own journey in His will, and know of my prayers for you as well.



Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
Associate Pastor

CONNECT WITH ST. X!

Sign up to receive St. Xavier Church's weekly email newsletter by completing the form on the homepage of the website.



SUNDAY READINGS – #1142

Sunday Collection for July 13	\$8,063
Online Contributions	4,227
Total for July 13	\$12,290

Farewell Reception for Fr. Jacob

Join us as we say goodbye and offer our prayers for Fr. Jacob, who will soon begin his Jesuit tertianship in Sri Lanka. Everyone is invited to a reception in the Parish Center this **Sunday, July 27**, following the 10:30 AM Mass. The Young Adult Group will also hold their own farewell cookout after the 5 PM Mass. Come share your gratitude, memories, and well wishes as we send him off with love and blessings!

Young Adult Group

St. Xavier Church's Young Adult Group meets multiple times each month for socials, reflections, and days of service. To get involved, please contact cincinnatiyoungadults@gmail.com.

**Family-Friendly Scavenger Hunt**

The St. Xavier Marriage Enrichment Team is hosting a scavenger hunt with fun clues and activities for all ages immediately following the 10:30 AM Mass on **Sunday, August 24!** The adventure will take place within a few blocks of St. Xavier, and we'll wrap up with lunch at 1:30 PM. Bring your walking shoes and your sense of adventure—we look forward to seeing you there! Scan the QR code to RSVP.

**St. Xavier Book Club**

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, August 5**, at 2:30 PM in the Parish Center. We will discuss our latest book, *The Stranger in the Lifeboat* by Mitch Albom. Adrift in a raft after a deadly ship explosion, nine people struggle for survival at sea. Short on water, food and hope, they spot a man floating in the waves and pull him in. The man, strange and quiet, claims to be the Lord. All are welcome to join us!

Congratulations to...

- Arthur Hayes Sullivan, son of Brendan and Kati, who was baptized at St. X on July 20.



Social Mission
St. Xavier Church

Many Hands Make Light Work

"Many hands make light work." With this proverb, my parents worked tirelessly to instill an attitude of service in their children. So as a new member of St. Xavier Church, I was delighted to participate in two Active Discipleship Days sponsored by our parish family during the past year.

From the widely varied service opportunities that these days provided, I chose to assist with stocking shelves at a neighborhood food pantry and with cleaning and preparing classroom space at the new Jesuit academy. Service is its own compensation; simply knowing that my small efforts assisted in improving the lives of our neighbors was genuinely satisfying.

But it was in the solidarity with others in the parish that I saw the face of Christ. By God's grace each individual's small contribution fused with the work of others to serve our brothers and sisters in the community. Many hands did, indeed, make light work! This added benefit of meeting and connecting with others in the parish made the experience of these days a fulfilling means of living out the call to Christian service. The upcoming Active Discipleship Day is our opportunity to muster that power of God's grace again and to unite in service to our neighbors.

— Cecilia Felix, *St. Xavier Church parishioner*

Active Discipleship Day – RSVP Today!

Come join fellow parishioners on **Saturday, August 9**, from 9 AM to 1 PM, for our fifth annual summer Active Discipleship Day. All ages and abilities are welcome! We will gather in the parish center before heading out in groups to a variety of service sites, then return to St. Xavier for lunch and reflection together. **Free parking will be provided.** Please scan the QR code to RSVP.

**Accessibility at St. Xavier Church**

Handicap seating is available in the front of the side pews and in the back of the church. Please ask an usher for assistance.

PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND - JULY 27

4:00 PM	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
7:00 AM	Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ
9:00 AM	Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ
10:30 AM	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
5:00 PM	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - AUGUST 3

4:00 PM	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
7:00 AM	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
10:00 AM	Fr. Bill Verbryke, SJ (Jesuit Works Mass)

No 9 AM, 10:30 AM, or 5 PM Mass on August 3.

UPCOMING EVENTS**July 31**

Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola - 6 AM, 11:30 AM with confessions 12-1 PM. Parish office closed.

August 3

10 AM Jesuit Works Mass
No 9 AM, 10:30 AM, or 5 PM Mass.

August 5

Book Club - Parish Center

August 9

Active Discipleship Day

August 15

Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary
6 AM, 11:30 AM, & 5 PM. Parish office closed.

August 24

Family-Friendly Scavenger Hunt

Contact the parish office to learn more.

ST. XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish.

Susan Anderson, Adelle Eaton, Jeff Krohmer, Wendy Welsh, Les Bunker, Mary Burwinkle, Norma Litherland, James Hogan, Tim, Carol Moore, Frank & Sandy Fieler, Ella Grace Hiltz, Donna Engelhart, Sharon Dearwester, Marguerite Kron, Marilyn Freudenberg, Kathy Magner, Roxanne Motl, Peter Keiser, Patrick Auger, Iland, Conhna Davies, Stephanie Hackman, Steve Wolter, Jim Bunker, Bob Howard, Mike Green, Noah Ohlhaut, Hank Imbus, Pat Murray, Lisa Durr, Cathleen Acree, Mary Preston, Abbey Wulf, Christina Davis, Deacon Tim Crooker, David Tolle, JoAnn Komanecy, Tom Wolfram, Phyllis Link, and Lawrence Wesley Colbert.

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